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August 2, 1962

Mr. Thomas J. Bennett
45 Renfrew Place
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Dear Sir and Brother:

I am sorry that I have not answered your communication before this date. However upon checking our files I find that on March 12, 1962 I did reply stating that I did not need the clippings. Subsequently the book was received and apparently filed away.

Under separate cover I am returning the book. Thanks for your offer of the book.

Very truly yours,

James R. Hoffa
General President

JRH/yk



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Affiliated with AFL-CIO and Canadian Labour Congress

New York 11, N. Y.

Dear Sir:

On April 23, 1962 I sent you a book composed of newspaper clippings and articles concerning you and your organization.

I am aware of your busy schedule and activities but since the book is insured with the post-office I would appreciate hearing from you as to whether or not you have received same!

In the event that you have received the book of clippings and would like to keep it the cost would be \$3.25. My expenses on the book were \$125. - I would appreciate it; return if you do not wish to keep it.

July 31, 1962



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*Hoping to hear from you as soon
as possible and wishing you the best of
luck in your new care. You have beat
them before and you will beat them again,*

Very truly yours,

Thomas J. Bennett

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April 18, 1962

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Mr. James R. Hoffa
General President

25 Louisiana Ave., N.W.

Washington 1, D.C.

Dear Mr. Hoffa;

I am in receipt of your letter of March 12th
and appreciate your writing.

It is generally known that you have one
of the finest research staffs in the country and I am
fully aware of this. However, the data and facts
I have compiled about your activity is intended for
your personal library rather than for official or
business purposes.

Joe Curran had the same misgiving
until he read his book and now he has assigned
me to make one every year for him.



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New York 11, N. Y.

Upon inspection of the book I am sure you will be pleased with it and for this reason I am sending it to you under separate mail.

If, upon reading it, it meets with your approval I will be happy to compile one every year if you so desire.

I would consider it an extreme honor to have you examine the book. Hoping to hear from you favorably, I remain,

Very truly yours,

Thomas J. Bennett

45 Rempden Pl.

Staten Island 2, N. Y.

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March 12, 1962

Mr. Thomas J. Bennett
45 Renfrew Place
Staten Island 2, N. Y.

Dear Mr. Bennett:

I have your letter of March 5th and I appreciate your writing. However, at this time, I have no need for the project outlined by you but I shall keep it in mind for possible future use.

Very truly yours,

James R. Hofia
General President

JRH/mc

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March 5, 1962

Dear Sir & Brother,

On the advice of Capt. Bradley and Teddy Gleason I am writing you in regards to newspaper clippings during the year 1961 taken from N. Y. Times, N. Y. Herald Tribune, Journal of Commerce and other New York papers containing activities of all Teamster locals and everything you have said and done during their period.

I have made these books for Capt. Bradley and Gleason every year and my Local 491 for the past 5 years.



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The write-ups and cartoon illustrations about you are so terrific, Capt. Bradley and Gleason asked me to write you so they were sure you would be interested.

The book cost me about \$125 and takes me approximately 100 hours to compile it. Enclosed I am sending you samples to illustrate what I mean.

If you are interested, please contact me as soon as possible so I can forward this book to you.

Fraternally yours,
Thomas J. Bennett
45 Rensselaer Place
Staten Island 2, N.Y.

'Liar!' Cries Hoffa At Taped Quote: 'Steal... Don't Get Caught'

Teamsters' Boss Wants It Excluded Wins Concessions From McClellan

By Don Irwin

WASHINGTON, Jan. 24.—"Liar!" shouted James R. Hoffa angrily when confronted today with a tape recording transcript quoting him as assuring a Teamster underling that "I don't care if you want to steal... ahead... don't get caught."

Teamster president Hoffa's vehement comment was asked before the Senate Permanent Investigations subcommittee for comment on a police recording of a purported report by two officials of Teamster Local 239 to New York racketeer Antonio (Tony Ducks) Corallo, a one-time official of the local.

Challenges Recording

At other points in his two and a half hour hour in the committee's witness chair, Hoffa:

1. Challenged the validity of the recording, which was read into the hearing record on Jan. 10, then went on to attack the general ethics of using recorded evidence.
2. Accused the committee of persecuting him and invading his privacy, although he conceded that his international union is "clearer than any in the world."
3. Repeatedly upheld the Teamster union's right to retaliate against officials in good standing until such time as they are found guilty and lose on appeal—and defied the right of Teamsters to invoke the Fifth Amendment before the subcommittee.

Teamster officials have succeeded to win agreement by the committee's chairman, Sen. John L. McClellan, D., Ark., to a set of preliminary ground-rules which Mr. Hoffa laid down at the hearing's start. The process, by which he got television cameras turned off him and won advances that he would have access to Corallo, lasted fifty-three minutes.

Despite his flint-hard performance, Mr. Hoffa will still be recalled tomorrow for more questioning. Also scheduled to appear then is Corallo, who has been ducking subpoenas since last May, but was finally tabbed last night by New York City and state police in a Central post, L. I., hideaway.

Ex-Monitor Testifies

Mr. Hoffa took the stand this afternoon against the background of lengthy testimony by Martin V. O'Donoghue, who resigned last July as chairman of the court-appointed board of Teamster monitors. The sum of Mr. O'Donoghue's long catalogue of frustrations was that "there has not been one significant step taken by Mr. Hoffa" to clean up the union during nearly three years as president.

The boss teamster was sworn, he held up two fingers in a parody of the Boy Scout salute.

Asked by Sen. McClellan if he had complied with a subpoena directing him to bring copies of diaries and appointment books for the month of June, 1959, Mr. Hoffa replied that he hadn't because "I don't keep them." He said he had a "good habit" of scribbling notes when they were no longer useful.

Washington Meeting

The records were sought in connection with a reported meeting on June 29, 1959, in the Teamsters' Washington headquarters. The committee's information was that Mr. Hoffa met there with Bernard Stein, secretary-treasurer of Local 239, and Mack Tamm, its president.

Their purported subject for discussion was Mr. Hoffa's insistence on steps to remove Sam Goldstein, the local's president, after he had learned at a session before the old Senate Rackets Committee that Goldstein was yearly a New York City bribe. Corallo Hoffa's

"Familiar" With Tape

Mr. Hoffa added portentously that he was "familiar" with tape transcriptions and knew that deletions or additions

never point. He went on to challenge the subcommittee's right to use it.

"I will not be bound by that," Mr. Hoffa shouted, "and if he went back and made that report, he's a liar."

"Don't you think we should ask you about it?" Sen. McClellan asked.

"No I don't," Mr. Hoffa retorted. "You'd be the first to scream if someone bugged your office."



James Hoffa as he testified before Senate Committee by Sen. McClellan.

He had held such a conversation, Mr. Hoffa testified at first, on the probable unavailability of the transcript, when the police typists noted that he was being convicted, but whose convictions were under appeal. They are permitted to stay, Mr. Hoffa said, "if they are beneficial to the union."

The hearing ended with Hoffa protesting to reporters that he was being deprived of his constitutional rights and "castigated" by a "headline-seeking investigation." However, he turned down a chance to postpone tomorrow's appeal, as he could try to fight to examine in a hand-tried way in which he is a co-defendant.

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What Mr. Hoffa Did Not Say

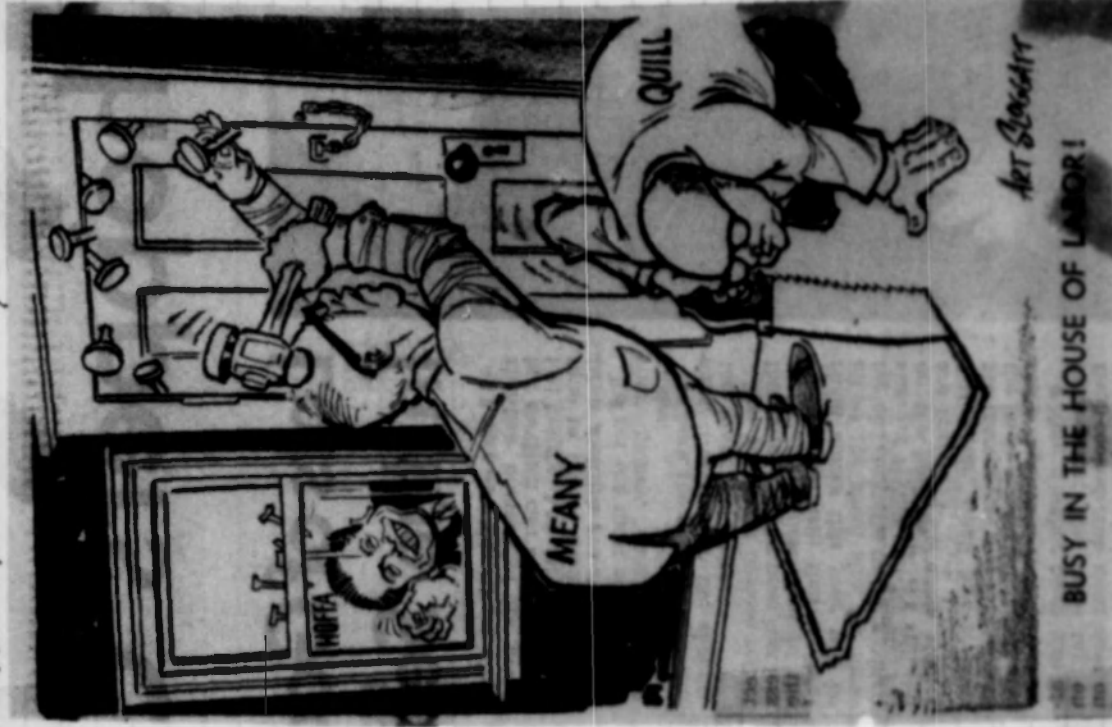
James R. Hoffa put up a brave show of virtue in his appearance at the convention of the Transport Workers Union. But the case he made for letting his scandal-stained International Brotherhood of Teamsters back into the merged labor federation had one crucial omission. It failed to list any step taken to correct the finding of the A. F. L.-C. I. O. Ethical Practices Committee four years ago that the country's largest union was dominated by corrupt influences.

Until the teamster chief can provide convincing evidence that some standards of decency prevail within his union the proper place for it is outside the house of labor. Unhappily, the justification for keeping it out is clouded by the federation's apparent abandonment of enthusiasm for enforcing its ethics codes against other unions of dubious probity. The passage of the Landrum-Griffin Act and the ineffectiveness of expulsion in stimulating reform within the teamsters have soured many A. F. L.-C. I. O. leaders on further steps toward self-policing.

This is a shabby answer to the Hoffa challenge. A better one would be for the federation to come alive and demonstrate that unions which still adhere to the concept that unionism is a crusade, not a business trafficking in the lowest recesses of the market place, can do a more effective job than Mr. Hoffa of organizing the unorganized, winning sound wage agreements and speaking for their members in legislative halls.

Mr. Hoffa's appeal is in the boundless vigor he brings to his job and in the gains he is able to score. In a static labor movement, run by men whose principal interest seems to be in being left unmolested, his dynamism obscures his lack of any discernible sense of moral responsibility. This condition is unlikely to change until the federation's leaders stop fighting one another and concentrate on building a more energetic and effective organization.

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"And I can't seem to do a thing about him."



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The Hoffa Grip Closes On Locals

By Joel Seldin

MIAMI BEACH, Fla., July 4. —The Teamsters union convention adopted today the first part of James R. Hoffa's plan to increase his powers as president and those of the international union over Teamster locals.

After perfunctory debate, the delegates voted for a resolution to set up a nation-wide pension plan for full-time salaried officers, business agents and employees of local unions, joint councils and conferences of the Teamsters. A plan covering employees of the international union was passed by the 1957 convention.

Asked at a press conference if he proposed to increase his powers over the 1,700,000-member union, Mr. Hoffa said there was "no question about it." Such increased powers, he said, are necessary in order to "expedite" the administration of the union's international office so that it can co-ordinate the work of local bodies. The minority still holding out for "local autonomy," he said, "can't delay the will of the majority."

Mr. Hoffa's plan includes a thorough reorganization of the union constitution and a dues increase to pay for both the pensions and a promised large-scale organizing drive. The constitutional amendments, many of which are required by the Landrum-Griffin act, and the dues increase are still to be considered by the convention.

On their face, the changes proposed by Mr. Hoffa can all be attributed to good trade unionism. By organizing the pension plan on a national, rather than a local basis, for instance, it can be operated more economically and provide higher benefits than a small local plan.

It is the relationship of the pensions to some of the proposed constitutional changes, however, that has generated some signs of worry among delegates here. Still, there is no indication of an inclining among the delegates to deny Mr. Hoffa any of the things he is asking for.

One such constitutional change would provide that all officers and business agents of local bodies automatically be delegates to international conventions held during their term of office. If the local is entitled to more delegates than it has officers, it may then vote for the additional number needed. Until now, all delegates were elected.

Because the pension plan is associated closely with Mr. Hoffa, it is feared by some that the officers who benefit from it and who will be the majority at future conventions will feel committed to support the union president.

Among the objections voiced at a caucus today of the Eastern Conference was one over the exclusion from the national pensions of officers now covered by local pensions. Only those with no pensions will be eligible. Yet each local would have to pay the proposed increase per capita dues to the International expected to go from 40 cents a member each month to \$1.

Another proposed dues increase would require each local to collect a minimum of \$5 a month from its members. Representatives of certain industrial locals with low paid membership feel the requirement may put them in a bad position if other unions try to raid them for members.

The pension plan will cover employees of more than three years' service with the union. It will provide retirement at sixty after twenty years' service, providing a minimum of 35 per cent and a maximum of 45 per cent of average annual earnings.

Reduced pensions will be available after twenty years for fifty-five-year-old employees if they choose. Disability benefits will be paid at forty-five and over after fifteen years of service, and death benefits will be two-thirds of the contribution for the employee. The international will lend enough money to the pension fund to permit immediate retirement of employees who qualify by age and service.



APPLAUDING HER MAN—Mrs. James Hoffa as she heard husband address Teamsters' convention in Miami.

Herald Tribune—UPI telephoto

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